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***"AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS FOR
VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL
GUARD AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-77 of the
4 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

6 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any
7 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent
8 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has
9 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war
10 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child
11 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of

12 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such
13 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section,
14 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
15 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [except that for purposes of this
16 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
17 attendance at a military service academy,] who has been accepted for
18 admission to such institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
19 such veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, except that
20 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not
21 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, (3) for
22 any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided,
23 at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
24 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons
25 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in
26 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in
27 such course after accommodating all such students, (4) for any student
28 attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is enrolled in a
29 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination
30 with a regional community-technical college which accredits courses
31 taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the Connecticut
32 Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified by the
33 Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in
34 good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted for
35 admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
36 undergraduate degree-granting program, except that said board of
37 trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of any
38 extension fees for educational extension programs and summer school
39 sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided, at the end of the
40 regular registration period, there are enrolled in the educational
41 extension program or summer school session a sufficient number of
42 students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
43 subdivision to offer the educational extension program or summer
44 school session in which such person intends to enroll and there is
45 space available in such educational extension program or summer
46 school session after accommodating all such students, (6) for any

47 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
48 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
49 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
50 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
51 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of the state who is a dependent
52 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
53 resident of this state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
54 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
55 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
56 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
57 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
58 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
59 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person
60 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
61 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
62 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
63 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
64 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
65 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as
66 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
67 regional community-technical colleges. Notwithstanding the
68 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
69 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

70 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
71 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
72 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
73 waive the payment of tuition at any of the regional community-
74 technical colleges for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2)
75 of this subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees
76 that such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance
77 has been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the
78 payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

79 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
80 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-

81 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to a
82 regional community-technical college on behalf of a veteran that
83 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
84 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
85 to be paid to a regional community-technical college on behalf of such
86 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
87 charged by such college to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
88 tuition and fees charged by such college to such veteran.

89 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
90 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at any of the regional community-
91 technical colleges for such veteran.

92 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated regional
93 community-technical college tuition revenue, an amount not less than
94 that required by said board's tuition policy. Such funds shall be used to
95 provide tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational
96 expenses and student employment for residents enrolled in regional
97 community-technical colleges as full or part-time matriculated
98 students in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
99 remedial program, who demonstrate substantial financial need. Said
100 board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
101 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
102 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
103 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
104 by the college in accordance with this subsection. In determining such
105 financial need, the college shall exclude the value of equity in the
106 principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the
107 student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
108 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
109 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

110 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
111 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension
112 fee waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed five per
113 cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state

114 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
115 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
116 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
117 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
118 apply.

119 Sec. 2. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 10a-99 of the
120 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
121 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

122 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
123 the Connecticut State University System (1) for any dependent child of
124 a person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to
125 be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in
126 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted
127 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the
128 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) subject
129 to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, for any veteran who
130 performed service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section
131 27-103, [except that for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of
132 war" shall not include time spent in attendance at a military service
133 academy,] who has been accepted for admission to such institution
134 and is domiciled in this state at the time such veteran is accepted for
135 admission to such institution, except that for purposes of this
136 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
137 attendance at a military service academy, (3) for any resident of
138 Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been accepted for
139 admission to such institution, provided (A) such person is enrolled in a
140 degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular registration
141 period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number of students
142 other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
143 subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to enroll
144 and there is space available in such course after accommodating all
145 such students, (4) for any student attending the Connecticut Police
146 Academy who is enrolled in a law enforcement program at said
147 academy offered in coordination with the university which accredits

148 courses taken in such program, (5) for any active member of the
149 Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been certified
150 by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee as a
151 member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or accepted
152 for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an
153 undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program, except that said
154 board of trustees shall also waive for any such member the payment of
155 any extension fees for educational extension programs and summer
156 school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided, at the end of
157 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the educational
158 extension program or summer school session a sufficient number of
159 students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to this
160 subdivision to offer the educational extension program or summer
161 school session in which such person intends to enroll and there is
162 space available in such educational extension program or summer
163 school session after accommodating all such students, (6) for any
164 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or
165 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in
166 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal
167 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in
168 the line of duty, (7) for any resident of this state who is a dependent
169 child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a
170 resident of the state, (8) for any dependent child of a resident of the
171 state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near the intersection
172 of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29, 2005, and (9)
173 for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or surviving
174 spouse of a person who was killed in action while performing active
175 military duty with the armed forces of the United States on or after
176 September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this state. If any person
177 who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this
178 subsection also receives educational reimbursement from an employer,
179 such waiver shall be reduced by the amount of such educational
180 reimbursement. Veterans described in subdivision (2) of this
181 subsection and members of the National Guard described in
182 subdivision (5) of this subsection shall be given the same status as

183 students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for courses at
184 Connecticut state universities. Notwithstanding the provisions of
185 section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in this state"
186 includes domicile for less than one year.

187 (e) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (d) of this section has
188 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
189 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
190 waive the payment of tuition at the Connecticut State University
191 System for such veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this
192 subsection. If any such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that
193 such veteran's application for such federal educational assistance has
194 been denied or withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the
195 payment of tuition in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

196 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
197 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
198 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to the
199 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a veteran that
200 represents payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by
201 multiplying (i) the total amount of such federal educational assistance
202 to be paid to the Connecticut State University System on behalf of such
203 veteran by (ii) an amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition
204 charged by the Connecticut State University System to such veteran by
205 (II) the sum of the actual tuition and fees charged by the Connecticut
206 State University System to such veteran.

207 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
208 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at the Connecticut State University
209 System for such veteran.

210 (f) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
211 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
212 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
213 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
214 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses

215 and student employment for any undergraduate or graduate student
216 who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated student in a degree-
217 granting program, or enrolled in a precollege remedial program, and
218 who demonstrates substantial financial need. Said board may also set
219 aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an additional amount equal
220 to one per cent of said tuition revenue for financial assistance for
221 students who would not otherwise be eligible for financial assistance
222 but who do have a financial need as determined by the university in
223 accordance with this subsection. In determining such financial need,
224 the university shall exclude the value of equity in the principal
225 residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in the student's
226 principal residence if the student is not considered to be a dependent
227 of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the earnings of a
228 dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

229 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall
230 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition and extension fee
231 waivers granted under subsection (d) of this section exceed two and
232 one-half per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an
233 annual state appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
234 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
235 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
236 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
237 apply.

238 Sec. 3. Subsections (e) to (h), inclusive, of section 10a-105 of the 2016
239 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
240 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

241 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at
242 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person
243 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing
244 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed
245 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for
246 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of
247 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said

248 institution, (2) subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section,
249 for any veteran who performed service in time of war, as defined in
250 subsection (a) of section 27-103, [except that for purposes of this
251 subsection, "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in
252 attendance at a military service academy,] who has been accepted for
253 admission to said institution and is domiciled in this state at the time
254 such veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, except that
255 for purposes of this subsection, "service in time of war" shall not
256 include time spent in attendance at a military service academy, (3) for
257 any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has
258 been accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such
259 person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of
260 the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the course a
261 sufficient number of students other than those persons eligible for
262 waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in which such
263 person intends to enroll and there is space available in such course
264 after accommodating all such students, (4) for any active member of
265 the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) has been
266 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee
267 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (B) is enrolled or
268 accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or part-time
269 basis in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting program,
270 except that said board of trustees shall also waive for any such member
271 the payment of any extension fees for educational extension programs
272 and summer school sessions, as described in section 10a-26, provided,
273 at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the
274 educational extension program or summer school session a sufficient
275 number of students other than those persons eligible for waivers
276 pursuant to this subdivision to offer the educational extension
277 program or summer school session in which such person intends to
278 enroll and there is space available in such educational extension
279 program or summer school session after accommodating all such
280 students, (5) for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined
281 in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B)
282 firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire

283 company, (C) municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in
284 section 5-154, killed in the line of duty, (6) for any resident of the state
285 who is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist
286 victim who was a resident of the state, (7) for any dependent child of a
287 resident of the state who was killed in a multivehicle crash at or near
288 the intersection of Routes 44 and 10 and Nod Road in Avon on July 29,
289 2005, and (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or
290 surviving spouse of a person who was killed in action while
291 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United
292 States on or after September 11, 2001, and who was a resident of this
293 state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance with
294 the provisions of this subsection also receives educational
295 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the
296 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in
297 subdivision (2) of this subsection and members of the National Guard
298 described in subdivision (4) of this subsection shall be given the same
299 status as students not receiving tuition waivers in registering for
300 courses at The University of Connecticut. Notwithstanding the
301 provisions of section 10a-30, as used in this subsection, "domiciled in
302 this state" includes domicile for less than one year.

303 (f) (1) If any veteran described in subsection (e) of this section has
304 applied for federal educational assistance under the Post-9/11
305 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, the board of trustees shall
306 waive the payment of tuition at The University of Connecticut for such
307 veteran in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection. If any
308 such veteran certifies to said board of trustees that such veteran's
309 application for such federal educational assistance has been denied or
310 withdrawn, said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition
311 in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

312 (2) (A) For purposes of this subdivision, "veteran tuition benefit"
313 means the portion of federal educational assistance under the Post-
314 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 to be paid to The
315 University of Connecticut on behalf of a veteran that represents
316 payment for tuition. Such portion shall be calculated by multiplying (i)

317 the total amount of such federal educational assistance to be paid to
318 The University of Connecticut on behalf of such veteran by (ii) an
319 amount obtained by dividing (I) the actual tuition charged by The
320 University of Connecticut to such veteran by (II) the sum of the actual
321 tuition, and fees charged by The University of Connecticut to such
322 veteran.

323 (B) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition in
324 excess of the veteran tuition benefit at The University of Connecticut
325 for such veteran.

326 (g) Said board of trustees shall set aside from its anticipated tuition
327 revenue, an amount not less than that required by the board of
328 governors' tuition policy established under subdivision (3) of
329 subsection (a) of section 10a-6. Such funds shall be used to provide
330 tuition waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses
331 and student employment for any undergraduate, graduate or
332 professional student who is enrolled as a full or part-time matriculated
333 student in a degree-granting program, or enrolled in a precollege
334 remedial program, and who demonstrates substantial financial need.
335 Said board may also set aside from its anticipated tuition revenue an
336 additional amount equal to one per cent of said tuition revenue for
337 financial assistance for students who would not otherwise be eligible
338 for financial assistance but who do have a financial need as determined
339 by the university in accordance with this subsection. In determining
340 such financial need, the university shall exclude the value of equity in
341 the principal residence of the student's parents or legal guardians, or in
342 the student's principal residence if the student is not considered to be a
343 dependent of his parents or legal guardians and shall assess the
344 earnings of a dependent student at the rate of thirty per cent.

345 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
346 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition and extension fee waivers
347 granted under subsection (e) of this section exceed two and one-half
348 per cent of tuition and extension fee revenue through an annual state
349 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an

350 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
351 of tuition and extension fee revenue loss using tuition and extension
352 fee rates in effect for the fiscal year in which such appropriation will
353 apply.

354 Sec. 4. Section 46b-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
355 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

356 [No] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no
357 license may be issued by the registrar until both persons have
358 appeared before the registrar and made application for a license. The
359 registrar shall issue a license to any two persons eligible to marry
360 under this chapter. The license shall be completed in its entirety, dated,
361 signed and sworn to by each applicant and shall state each applicant's
362 name, age, race, birthplace, residence, whether single, widowed or
363 divorced and whether under the supervision or control of a
364 conservator or guardian. The Social Security numbers of both persons
365 shall be recorded in the "administrative purposes" section of the
366 license. If the license is signed and sworn to by the applicants on
367 different dates, the later date shall be deemed the date of application.

368 (b) The registrar shall issue a license to a member of the armed
369 forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, who is on active
370 duty and absent from this state and the person with whom such
371 member makes application for such license, provided (1) such person
372 appears before the registrar and provides a statement (A) sworn to by
373 such member of the armed forces before an individual described in
374 subdivision (14) of section 1-24, and (B) signed under penalty of false
375 statement by both such member of the armed forces and such
376 individual, (2) the statement indicates that such member of the armed
377 forces (A) is on active duty and absent from this state, and (B) intends
378 to make application for a license with such person, and (3) the
379 application for a license otherwise complies with the requirements of
380 subsection (a) of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-77(d) to (g)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-99(d) to (g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10a-105(e) to (h)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	46b-25